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Pursuant to 20 ILCS 2805/38, the Veteran's Service-Related Ailments Task Force is created. The Task Force shall have fifteen members, of which the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs must appoint the following:

- 1) One Veteran
- 2) One medical professional with experience working with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- 3) Four representatives from a variety of Veteran organizations representing geographic diversity in the State

Position	Recommendation	Affiliation
Director's Designee	Anthony Vaughn	IDVA Assistance Director
One Veteran	Nikita Richards	Navy Veteran
One Medical Professional	COL John Fulk	Illinois National Guard
Representative from Veteran Organization	Michelle Ramlow	IL VFW Deputy Chief of Staff, District 10 Jr. Vice Commander, and Post 1756 Sr. Vice Commander
Representative from Veteran Organization	Jilian 'Summer' Padaona	Veteran Service Officer with the Veterans' Assistance Commission of Lake County.
Representative from Veteran Organization	Eric Peterson	Project Headspace and Timing
Representative from Veteran Organization	Kimyada Wellington	Member of Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority, Inc.VP of the Chicago Chapter

Also pursuant to 20 ILCS 2805-38, the following positions, in combination with IDVA's appointments, will complete the Task Force membership:

- 1) Two members from the House of Representatives, appointed one each by the Speaker of the House and the House Minority Leader.
- 2) Two members of the Senate, appointed one each by the President of the Senate and the Senate Minority leader.
- 3) Four members, one of whom shall be appointed by the chair of the Veterans' Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the minority spokesperson of the Veterans' Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the chair of the Veterans' Affairs Committee of the Senate, and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority spokesperson of the Veterans Affairs Committee of the Senate.

As of February 10, 2022, these members are:

Position	Appointed By	Appointee
Member from the House of Representatives	Speaker of the House	Rep Stephanie Kifowit
Member from the House of Representatives	House Minority Leader	Rep Dan Swanson
Member of the Senate	President of the Senate	
Member of the Senate	Senate Minority Leader	Senator Craig Wilcox
Member of various IL VACs, VSOs, and VITAS officials	Chair of Veterans Affairs Committee of the House of Rep	William Sutton
Member of various IL VACs, VSOs, and VITAS officials	Minority Spokesperson of the House of Rep	Christopher Spears
Member of various IL VACs, VSOs, and VITAS officials	Minority Spokesperson of the Veterans Affairs Committee of the Senate	Michael Iwanicki
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